

Greetings Friends

Greetings one and all. I suppose big apologies are on the cards. Promises of Newsletters etc., and what do you get, well not a lot actually. The truth is that the running of the Merchandise service and trying to con record companies, er... I mean trying to interest record companies in reissuing Geoff's albums has taken up a great deal of my time. Anyway quite a few things are on the cards since I last wrote so here we go...

"In One Era..."

In 1990 Geoff had the idea to release his vinyl only albums from 1984/85, *Psalm Enchanted Evening* and *I May Sing Grace*, together on one CD, minus the tracks, *For More than a Day* and *Peacemeal*. It would be sold under the title of "*In One era...*", but as you probably noticed this did not happen. Well, at the end of last year we struck a deal with Cyclops records and their American brothers Griffin to release the CD using Geoff's original ideas and designs. Things have moved pretty quickly and the album was released on 18th April.

When Geoff had the tapes put on DAT in 1990 he did some re-mastering, and there has been some de-noising. The Booklet contains some great pictures of Geoff from 1984/85. Some of you may remember them, as they were used in an article for a magazine called *Afterglow*, back in '85. All the photos are courtesy of our good friend, Dr. Mark Hughes, (Ta very much Mark!).

As well as being available from me for the usual fee of £10 plus £1 p+p, it is also being distributed by Pinnacle, so you can order it from almost any record shop. The catalogue number will be CYCL-004.

Mannerisms

Although I was expecting Mannerisms to be out in the early part of 1994, this, as you will no doubt have noticed has not happened. This is mainly because of the difficulty of the bands having to fit the recordings in between albums, tours, holidays, cups of tea and in some cases, jobs! However, the end is in sight and I'm now hoping that it will be available in July/August. So If you have already sent money, don't worry, you will get your CD's. Please be patient. It will be worth it in the end, (honest guv!).

Because of the need to get loads of pictures of Geoff in the booklet, (without them being reduced to pin-head size) the booklet has now mushroomed into a 24 page affair, with all the usual malarkey (thanks to IQ for use of the word 'malarkey') like unseen pictures, biography and discography etc.

The track list at the moment is slightly different to what I first told you. The Casino track has been dropped. It was proving rather difficult getting everyone together. And because it was an unreleased track, it needed more time to write a new tune. Ah well, you never know, it may get used sometime in the future. Anyway the tracks are as follows (but not in this order), and who knows there may be another track!!!

"Eh!" - Sob stories.
Twelfth Night - Piccadilly Square.
Galahad - The Ceiling Speaks.
Pendragon - Human Being.
Eden Burning - His Love.
Peter Nicholls and friends - Down Here.
Pallas - What in the World.
Jadis - Never Mind.
IQ - Apathetic and Here, I
Clive Nolan & Alan Reed - Love Song.
Marc Catley & Band - Certainly.

Newsletters

Some time ago I did promise a more normal newsletter with a lot more old reviews etc. As CD sales & organising re-releases takes up so much time, this will not happen for a little while. Soz!

Recorded Delivery

Some more news which is of interest, builds on another idea that Geoff had in the late 80's, which was to record a live album of his favourite GM tracks. The Band would have been people who had worked with Geoff, and it would have been recorded at some prestigious venue. (Wembley, NEC, etc.) Well, once again, as we all know, it never happened, and of course in that format it never can. But we can go some way towards it. We are currently gathering bootlegs from Geoff's career, to make a *best of* CD. The quality will of course be limited, but we hope that it will be a faithful remainder of Geoff Mann live, (except we will try to pick songs where he actually remembers the words!). We haven't decided which songs will be used but we will try to pick a variety from all his bands. I'm sure everyone would like their own favourite tracks included. We will endeavour to have some old faves, but we will probably have some more obscure ones as well.

And Finally...

I will (honest guv!) try and let you know when things are happening, but you should here from me in a couple of months or so to let you know the exact release date of Mannerisms. If you wish to order "*In One Era...*" or receive a current price list, all the usual CD's are available, then drop me a line or give me a ring at...

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